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Requirement for Information Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105

1. Applicants and the assignee of this application are required under 37 C.F.R. §1.105 to provide the following information that the Examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.
2. Because it is difficult to search for methods of providing incentives which create a hierarchy, associate rewards, allow participants to select goals, storing of data, comparing performance to goals, and the granting of rewards of claims 1 of Applicants' response filed May 12, 2006. In particular, is the method of providing incentives which create a hierarchy, associate rewards, allow participants to select goals, storing of data, comparing performance to goals, and the granting of rewards known to those of ordinary skill in the art or was this invented by Applicants?
3. In response to this requirement, please provide the title, citation and copy of each publication that is a source used for the equation. In response to this requirement, please provide any known document that utilizes this equation or uses a significant part of the equation.
4. The fee and certification requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elaine Gort whose telephone number is 571/272-6781. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday and Friday.

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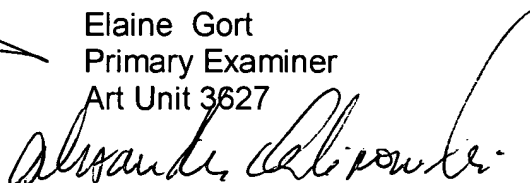
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